



**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UTILITY  
BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 21ST, 2021  
SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

The meeting for Kankakee Environmental Services Utility was held on Monday, June 21st, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in the Public Safety Building.

**ESU Members Present**

Ald Carmen Lewis  
Ald Michael Prude  
Ald Mike O'Brien  
Ald Larry Osenga  
Ald Danita Swanson  
Ald Kelly Johnson  
Clerk Stacy Gall

**Additional Alderman Present**

Ald Dave Crawford

**ESU Staff Present**

Clara Hall, Admin Mgr  
Zach Newton, GIS/Operations Mgr  
Dennis Doyle, DPW Asst. Supt.  
Alan Toronjo, Lab Manager

**Others Present**

Elizabeth Kubal, Comptroller  
Barbie Brewer-Watson

**MAYOR CURTIS:**

Its 6:00 P.M. we will call the Environmental Services Utility meeting to order. Are there any public comments at this time? Hearing none we will go to Item 2 Roll Call.

## **ROLL CALL**

**CLARA HALL:**

Ald Lewis - Present	Ald Swanson - Present
Ald Prude - Present	Ald Johnson - Present
Ald O'Brien - Present	Ald Tetter – Absent
Ald Osenga - Present	Clerk Gall – Present
<b>PRESENT: 7</b>	<b>ABSENT: 1</b>

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MAYOR CURTIS:**

We have a quorum. Next is on Item 3 is the approval of minutes from May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 that are in your packet. Looking for a motion to approve the minutes.

**ALD OSENGA:**

So move Mayor

**ALD JOHNSON:**

Second.

**MAYOR CURTIS:**

Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderwoman Johnson. Any questions, comments, changes. Hearing none, Roll Call.

**CLARA HALL:**

Ald Lewis - Aye	Ald Swanson - Aye
Ald Prude - Aye	Ald Johnson - Aye
Ald O'Brien - Aye	Ald Tetter – Absent
Ald Osenga - Aye	Clerk Gall – Aye
<b>AYES: 7</b>	<b>NAYS: 0</b>

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**MAYOR CURTIS:**

Minutes are approved. Next we have I know Elizabeth will be joining us and bringing some information. Let's go through, unless we have some questions the item number four is approval of bills. June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup>. It looks like we have bills for June 7<sup>th</sup> at \$314,504.02 for June 21<sup>st</sup> are \$620,025.65 for a total of \$933,529.67.

**ALD SWANSON:**

I will make that motion.

**ALD LEWIS:**

Second.

**MAYOR CURTIS:**

Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Is there any questions or comments about the bills? Hearing none, Roll Call.

**CLARA HALL:**

Ald Lewis - Aye  
Ald Prude - Aye  
Ald O'Brien - Aye  
Ald Osenga - Aye  
**AYES: 7**

Ald Swanson - Aye  
Ald Johnson - Aye  
Ald Tetter – Absent  
Clerk Gall – Aye (*abstain on #30513 and #30582*)  
**NAYS: 0**

## **MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS**

**MAYOR CURTIS:**

Bills are approved. Next is Item five, which is our reports. I'll go in order here. Mr. Doyle you want to give us the highlights of your report?

**DENNIS DOYLE:**

Most of it is in your packet. The bulk of it, the typical stuff we do this time of year. Yeah, I mean, that's the bulk of it. A couple of things that I would like to add, we're going to pick up mosquito spraying here shortly. We're having real trouble getting the crew, through the licensing procedure. It's all online now, the training and the (*inaudible*), is a lot different than it's been in the past. So we're having guys that have had this license for 20 years, having trouble getting through the process so we've got a few guys and myself through it so we will be putting the truck out later in the week. I guess there was some question earlier on about electronic waste. I just wanted to clarify that our department has never picked up, electronic waste that's been handled by KARMA. The only thing our department has had to do with it is that we have a little drop off site at our 401 facility. But beyond that, we've never picked up for or sorted or disposed of electronic waste. So with that I take any questions.

**ALD JOHNSON:**

With the new arrangement with Belson, I think, over in Bradley, are we keeping our Dropbox here as well for the electronic?

**DENNIS DOYLE:**

And again, you know, we weren't involved in that process, but karma has closed that facility down at our 401 facility.

**ALD JOHNSON:**

Okay, that was my understanding, but someone said differently so, so you guys are closed with that and we need to bring them over to Belson.

**DENNIS DOYLE:**

Yes.

**ALD JOHNSON:**

Thank you.

**DENNIS DOYLE:**

You can't mix the waste streams it can't go into any of our, our waste streams.

**MAYOR CURTIS:**

So any other questions for Mr. Doyle? Thank you sir. Just a little bit of a quick update to is, and that might be a little bit amazed there so if we were to keep collecting in the city of Kankakee it would be additional above and beyond cost that we'd have to pay for somebody like come in and pick those up and then take them over to Belson. Quite frankly we're now paying a proportionate share to the county, who's paying the overall bill with the other municipalities. So most of the municipalities in Kankakee County are partaking with the E waste program that happens at Belson. So, what it is now is, you have the opportunity, six days a week, to take your TVs your computers any electronics to Belson, they open at 8:00A.M. till 3:30P.M. and they're also open on Saturday from 8:00A.M. to Noon. You take them there you just show me your driver's license showing that you are resident of the county, or within the county, there's no cost you actually drive your car in and they will unload the item out of your car, which is kind of nice for big TVs and stuff, and then take it away. And we're going that route now what it's doing is before. It really was more of an issue with our outlying areas, whether it be Herscher, Hopkins Park or somewhere like that that they weren't part of they didn't have any recycling programs so a lot of that was getting even dropped off at Bradley site or city site and then we were having to cover that cost so this is kind of a more fair and equitable way for the entire county to do their E waste, but it's now all delivered through all the municipalities are partaking and they are all delivering it through Belsons now. That sets in place now. Everyone who got their real estate tax bill. If you got one of those you probably got a letter that county sent it out in that. And then we've also got magnets and information that the vehicle stickers when you're purchasing those as residents that have all dates and hours on that to that you can pick up when you get your vehicle sticker. Thank you Dennis. Next we're going to Sewer Services. Zach, you have, you want to update us there?

**ZACH NEWTON:**

There was a busy month, I'll try to run through this quickly. We said a handful of sewer calls its pretty average to what we see in other months. The hydro ran for 93 hours and the

production report is in the packet. Stone Street, the contractor came in last week, last Thursday to take a look at Stonestreet to identify some areas that look worse than others, and they were actually back today to hit those areas to go through the process. So it's been done, we'll wait a couple of weeks, and we'll see what happens. Hopefully it'll stick, and if it does or doesn't, I'll report back and have some sort of game plan and next step about where we go from there, but hopefully it'll all work out. The city's MS4 was submitted to the IEPA on June 1<sup>st</sup>. It's an annual permit. That's due every year on the first of June, and it covers a period from the previous year March to the current year March. During this time period. We cleaned about 54 and a half miles of sewer. And so our target goal is 3.61 miles of line, every month. That way we can hit the whole collection system within three years, which is our goal. So, at the 54.5 miles that we did, that's a, an average of 4.5, miles a month. So we're well on track to stand within that goal. The dam was inspected on June, 10, and there were a couple of recommendations for some vegetation issues along the north bank and some grouting along the north wall. There was a recommendation for the wall that kind of butts up connects to the hydro facility itself, there was a recommendation that we should have a structural engineering, we'll look at that, there's some rebar, showing that. That sounds scary, but I just want to let everybody know it's not a safety issue. This is more of a budgeting issue, it's been noted, we'll have to have it taken a look at and addressed before the next dam inspection. So we've got a few years, we get that structural engineer, we get a price we can kind of budget, how we're going to pay for that. And, I guess the one of the last things is the, the dam, public safety plan was submitted FERC on June 15<sup>th</sup>. They came back with a couple of recommendations that they'd like to see as far as some additional signage posted on the downstream part of the spillway. And the last thing that I want to touch on is over at the LaBeau building, I think that for the most part, painting, and all of that in the garage bays that we were responsible for doing is done with the exception of some, little touch of things but the majority of the work is done, and I just want to thank Jim Hand he spearheaded most of that and I'm guessing that was probably \$100,000 in savings. Any questions.

**ALD JOHNSON:**

I don't know if this is the right time but we had talked about the drain that had the pole in the middle of it.

**ZACH NEWTON:** I'm still constantly following up with Comcast on their services on the pole, we can see to it that it gets removed until their services off, and I get to catch up with my crew tomorrow it's, I gotta find out. I'm in constant contact with our Comcast rep about getting that and it's been escalated and, yeah, I know I'm not too happy with how long it's taking.

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Zach on the stone street matter when the contractor saw it was he, as alarmed as we were or did he think that was something that could be repaired or did he give you any indication on that?

**ZACH NEWTON:** He said that he's seen worse. That was talking about Manholes but still that left me feeling a little bit better. I guess.

**ALD O'BRIEN:** And then dam inspection, who is that that would inspect and recommend certain things for the dam?

**ZACH NEWTON:** As far as with the structural part or more of?

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Is it a state entity that comes in to do the inspection or who does?

**ZACH NEWTON:** We have a contractor that comes in and looks at it for us.

**ALD O'BRIEN:** We hire someone and they come.

**ZACH NEWTON:** Yes, that person usually gives the state a heads up and they come along and do so, join with us, if they choose to.

**ALD OBRIEN:** And then every three years is that how frequently that happens?

**ZACH NEWTON:** Yes. So there's actually two. There's the first, you know, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has their own expected inspections and we have to do our own inspections for the Illinois DNR.

**MAYOR CURTIS:** Thank you Zach. Clara, do you want to the next part the Administration and Technical Services issue.

**CLARA HALL:** Thank you Mayor on the administrative side as you see in the report. We had a lot of billings to correct. A lot of

times when people have moved to the city and start their new services, they are under this impression that they need to call us. Once they do their water account, they're automatically signed up for sewer/garbage. So if you have any constituents that move to your ward, and they feel like they need to call Republic Waste Disposal or call us (ESU) we don't set up accounts in our office, Aqua does all of that for us. Usually when I'm working on a board packet, everybody has gotten their bill, and that's when the high volume of calls begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month residents have questions about their charges, I will provide an explanation for them. But just so you know, we do not set up any accounts in our office. Aqua does all of that for us. Also, we have four properties that we had to investigate, and those investigations pertained to a property being a 2 unit at some point in the past and is now a single-family dwelling. When that happens we have to investigate it, I work with Tamara Nelson in Code, and Aqua to verify that they actually have been converted properly, the building maintenance inspector is sent out to do that. And then once I get the information we will make a determination if it should still be billed as duplex or should it be billed as a single-family dwelling. We had four of those this month. Also, I have several things Mayor that I need to speak with you about that involve engineering. So, I'll just go down a couple of things on the list. We met with Metro regarding the bus transfer station over here on Chestnut right off of Schuyler and Dearborn, and they brought the plans they have lighting that they're going to do but we have about five streetlights over there, so we'll need to speak with an engineer, possibly, if we were going to update those to kind of match, the new bus transfer. This is not the Schuyler Streetscape, Neil is working on the streetscape on the North end, but this is the Chestnut side that runs all the way to Indiana. So that's something that I want to discuss with you.

**MAYOR CURTIS:**

I did talk to Neil about that last Thursday. So, I do need to update you on that. So okay, he's got some ideas for that so.

**CLARA HALL:**

Okay thank you. The other thing is, Alderman Brown mentioned at the last Council meeting that right off of court, going onto St Joseph that it is really, really, dark. So, I went out there during the day to see what he was talking about, there were polls there historically, however the polls have been hit three or four times, that's why they

were removed. So if we were going to put more lighting right there. We will definitely need to get a survey, and get some engineering services so we could do that. I went back over there at night it is pitch black when you turn onto St Joseph, so we really need to do something to get some light over there. So that's another thing that I wanted to discuss with you. The other thing is the NIMEC Streetlight Bid was complete. However, I've been in training, all day. I ran out and left everything on my desk. I'll include that in the next board packet, and there'll be a residential letter going out about that for the new residents as well. The other thing is we have a lot of proposals that I also need to bring to you that will probably have to be seen by Neil as well. So, other than that that's all I have. If there's any Aldermen on the ESU Board or just new Aldermen interested in a tour with ESU we'll be happy to take you out in the field with the crews, tell you all about ESU, so you will know what to do and who to call. We've prepared a pamphlet to pass off to you at the next board meeting. Okay, so if there's anyone who wants to do that you can see me after the meeting and we can get that scheduled.

**MAYOR CURTIS:**

Okay, thank you. Okay, next is our Lab Services monthly report. Lead us through that if you don't mind.

**ALAN TORONJO:**

As always, there's a complete and thorough summary there and the monthly utility packet for everyone. One thing I would like to mention for references ordinance number 2019-12 So the flow charge for industrial and all the sewer charges for 100 cubic feet has gone up, it's now 838 from 791. You can (*inaudible*) million gallons, which is what we use for industrial sewer invoices, it's now 11,173 up from 10,546. Again, just a reminder, the board I brought it up last month about our main sampling vehicle the 2014 Chevy Van. Right now, it has been used solely as a backup, it's running really rough it's recommended for an engine rebuild. I did open up discussion with Hove Buick GMC last month, because the pandemic vehicles are in high demand so they're no longer taking orders on 2021 models. So they're open right in a three week open window, where they can take the orders for 2022 models to serve back the end of last week to help to have the bid for that for next month, learn that and open any questions if there are any.

**MAYOR CURTIS:**

This would be a van, correct?



**ALAN TORONJO:**

We will go with a truck this time just to be more easier. We have portable automatic samplers that we go out in the field. Okay, so any questions.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**MAYOR CURTIS:**

Okay, so any questions? Thank you. Okay. Next, under Item 6, there is no old business. Item 7 is unfinished business. I did ask Zack if there's several new members here and just for some of the members that have been on the ESU. We had one of our screw pumps from the hydro plant. We sent off to a facility in Michigan, it was not working, so they took that there. And that's been there for quite a while. And so he's put together a report that was done last year that's in your packet here and Zach Can you kind of give us a little bit of a run through running a little bit but it's when we when we did send it off, it wasn't a cheap fix at the time we didn't think it would be I remember correctly and Elizabeth and I think we spent like \$15,000 to have this inspected, or something like that.

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:**

Mayor, I was thinking closer to 20 but you may be correct.

**MAYOR CURTIS:**

So they've had this group up there it's been sitting on site there for probably well over a year now, maybe 18 months or longer. So I did ask Zach if he could follow up with this and figure out what are we going to do with it because it doesn't do us any good sitting in Michigan.

**ZACH NEWTON:**

Right. So okay. So, this is the unit one of the hydro. This was our most efficient unit because of its position, you know it's closer to the middle of the river. As of right now, we've only got one working turban, and that's a unit three, it's the one that's closest to the to the shore to the bank. It's our least, you know, efficient unit because of its position unit to remember unit two, we had some work done on it, because it leaked. And unfortunately, you know, a lot of a lot of the ideas were tried everything but nothing seemed to really work, it still leaks, so we don't run it and we don't want oil getting into the river. So Unit Three is our only working turban right now. And, you know, I added up the numbers if my math is correct, you know, this is about \$286,000 to fix Unit 1. It's a tough. It's a tough call. It's a lot of money. But as it is, we've only got one working turban, and we only have one it's running all the time whenever the hydro is running, that one's run and so we're

bringing it closer and closer to this end of life. Each day that we're running it, because we don't have the option to switch it up to make sure that runtimes are even. So, I know that it's a lot of money but I think, you know, we've got the hydro. We want this to run. We should try to find a way to get some money to fix it.

**ALD CRAWFORD:**

Do we ever run all 3 turbines at one time?

**ZACH NEWTON:**

Not in my in since I've been in this capacity. Not that I ever recall. But I think that we were having issues with one or two of the turbans. There's probably a narrow sweet spot in the river conditions that would have all three of them running. But I think really, when it comes, you know, for us, it's more about being able to just, you know, make sure that they have even amount of runtime and so that one's not working too hard. You know wearing out not faster than the others.

**ALD CRAWFORD:**

*(inaudible )* relief money?

**MAYOR CURTIS:**

It's something we can talk about. There's really no action tonight, this is kind of bringing it back to the table so we can discuss it as a committee here. We probably need to talk about it in full Council, where do you want to go with the hydro plant? The whole point of the hydro plant right now is we do provide the power that is generated we've supplied to KRMA. KRMA, then in turn pays the city of Kankakee for electric that we provide to them. Instead of paying it directly to Com Ed, but my understanding is we still don't even provide the power I don't think to KRMA for everything I could be wrong but. So that's one advantage and then several years ago we actually used to sell excess power off to generate funds that we haven't done that in many, many years, but the question is, is if we're gonna have a hydro plant we probably need to make it as effective as possible. We need to determine, are we going to have a hydro plant going forward. But, as he mentioned, we've got a turbine sitting in Michigan that we needed to make a decision on. So the question here is, is that part of the ARP money is water sewer and broadband so that's something we can do but every bit of money that we spend towards there also doesn't allow us to do other things that we may want to do in the community. So I just want to put it back on to start discussion to see what do we want to do going forward because in our budget right now, we're talking about is probably very difficult to figure out

how to repair this right now, but that could be an option that we could look at. So I just want to let our way think about it.

**ALD CRAWFORD:** (inaudible) Is it over seven figures?

**ZACH NEWTON:** Yeah, that would be my guess.

**MAYOR CURTIS:** Yes, I think Peter mentioned one time was north of a million dollars for a new one.

**ZACH NEWTON:** You know I, I can't say for certain, but I know that the ones that we had, you know, when this hydro was brought online in the early 90s, a 25 year lifespan, I believe, so were I believe closer year 30.

**MAYOR CURTIS:** Alderman Marczak?

**ALD MARCZAK:** (inaudible) any outside vendors to source that (inaudible).

**ZACH NEWTON:** To the best of my knowledge, I don't believe that there are any, there's not a whole lot of companies that I think that do turban repair in the US and I think you know don't quote me, but I think this might be the only one.

**MAYOR CURTIS:** At this point if we can keep it under unfinished business and we'll keep talking about it and forgot what we want to go into it but at least want to bring this back up to the committee. One that it needs to be brought back to figure out what we're going to do with it. And two is, again, we've got several new Aldermen and Alderwomen so bringing them up to speed on everything. Alderman Osenga?

**ALD OSENGA:** (inaudible) cost around \$200K (inaudible)

**MAYOR CURTIS:** \$280,643.00

**ZACH NEWTON:** Yeah that's what I got.

**ALD SWANSON:** I have a question, for all those repairs that there any kind of a life expectancy, with the repair, or a warranty or.

**ZACH NEWTON:** You know, I, with this could be apples and oranges but with unit two, we had the same company, look at that. It was a different kind of fix. And because of the unknowns

and different things, I don't really believe there was any kind of warranty.

**ALD SWANSON:** *(inaudible)*

**ZACH NEWTON:** Not this amount, it was still a pretty sizable figure.

**ALD SWANSON:** And it never worked.

**ZACH NEWTON:** For a very short time.

**ALD SWANSON:** We would want some type of guarantee. *(inaudible)*

**MAYOR CURTIS:** So, I think this is you see this is from last year so he pulled this information so we haven't had any more further discussions about it. So, let us reach out and find out some more information for you. But the other thing if everybody's might be good for about a how many people have ever seen a hydro plant. I haven't personally so I've actually reached out to Zach to go see it. Maybe if there's a day we can pick up everybody might be interested to see exactly what we're investing in and I don't know any of us really seen this major asset that we have here, so that'd be okay to be able to do sometimes that fieldtrip. Alderman Crawford?

**ALD CRAWFORD:** Do you know what kind of pay back we would have if we go out and spend a half million dollars? In my opinion, if we are going to go and spend \$300K on the other one and conserve *(inaudible)* what kind of pay back are we getting?

**ZACH NEWTON:** You can kind of see from the hydro production report about how much money we can make each month, running. So one of our best months was, it looks like December of 2020. We brought in about \$16,000 month. So the more we run it, the more money we're making.

**MAYOR CURTIS:** Alderman O'Brien?

**ALD O'BRIEN:** In addition to the tour Mayor, Zach, I think it'd be helpful to have kind of a written report on the hydro dam I'm not familiar with that so I'd appreciate kind of the history and, You know the business model for that I think that would be helpful, at least for me, since I'm not familiar. Thank you.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**MAYOR CURTIS:**

Thank you sir. Next we have new business Item 8 and that is Fiscal year 2021-2022, ESU proposed budget which Comptroller Kubal will pass out. Yes,

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:**

Yes, thank you Mayor, I'm going to pass out a white paper with some summary notes on it that we're going to discuss I'll do so at this time. Mayor, may I go ahead?

**MAYOR CURTIS:**

Absolutely.

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:**

So this white paper that I passed out is just a summary with some bullet points of where we're at. Just an update tonight for you. We really thought that we'd be able to maybe present tonight to get us a little closer to passage, but we've had quite a few moving targets and when you're working on a sizable budget like the ESU and something as important as our utility. We want to make sure that we get those moving targets be more of a known target before we start to finalize the budget. If we go to the first bullet point their salaries is the first one I have. Most of these are mostly known except that we have two contracts really three if you count operate your separate that we're getting ready to negotiate, it's always helpful to get a little further down the road with those negotiations to know what kind of a ballpark you are in. So that is the main reason there. We also have some being talked about retirements, nothing to be discussed here and with names of course, but we want to make sure that we are being prudent and that we put in buyouts for those folks who could be possibly moving on to the next chapter of their lives. We want to make sure that we have those accurately depicted in the budget. The liability insurance as you know, we're going to be talking about that this evening at the city council meeting, we should have that number finalized by this week. That should be a known commodity very quickly. As you may know two cents, we do have some new all their men and women, the liability insurance ESU receives a portion, an allocation of that cost the city is the one who obviously obtains that covered within the ESU does pay a small a small percentage of that for the utility. Labeau property renovations obviously we've heard about that a couple times tonight. We have sat down with those numbers, several times since mayor has taken over, looking at those numbers, making sure that we are within the ballpark, we

think we are in, we need to make sure we capture that amount appropriately for this budget as many of you know, the ESU operating supports the capital efforts for the issue. We did bond a million dollars for this project that will not cover everything we need to do and we've talked about that, but we need to make sure that whatever we've already paid has been accounted for to the penny, and that what we leave in the budget to be paid for from operating is exactly what is left for that project with contingencies. So we are working to finalize that as, as we speak. KRMA, this number we feel is almost 100% complete, but I know there's an upcoming meeting in the next couple of weeks, and that number will be finalized, it's always good though once theirs is finalized to then take that number and apply it directly to our budget, instead of hoping that that's the finalized number permit generally is very good about that. But we just want to make sure currently that number is just slightly over \$5.9 million, I believe is like \$5,913,000 in that ballpark, we suspect that will become the finalized number, but we just want to be sure. A debt service, as you, many of you know and those who don't know, I'm going to share now we are in a five year spell. We're really in like the second year of that five year, I'll say kind of curve, where we knew for many years now that we were going to be averaging about \$2.2 million in debt service per year to get the current debt on the books retired. So this like I said this is your two we're on a little bit of a kind of curving around the curve, I suppose, but I want to make sure that my schedule is appropriate as we did have the refunding last year, and then a million dollars of new money, and the schedule I looked at it quickly today I think all the components are there but it's always good when you're looking to close out of budget to make sure that you've got that also, obviously, to the penny. The residential and industrial sewer revenues that was actually talked about tonight as well. The ordinance that we've had in place for the last. This is the third year of that of that ordinance for the revenues, it did have that increase again, we need to make sure that we are properly trending and then putting the increase. On top of that, for some reason, last year we were a little below what we expected or monies were a little bit less bad we need to make sure that we don't take on last year's budget and just apply, I believe it was 6% or, yeah, I think 6%. We just can't apply that if we didn't obtain it all the first time so we have to make sure that those numbers are proper for both residential and industrial,

and then also it's one of those last things we do is say okay, have any other current local trends change before we set this budget and we literally did that the very last day that we're getting ready to put it on approval for hearings and things like that, just to make sure that we have everything at that moment, at the end then I have a paragraph that says there is a current deficit, that's part of the challenge right now. This has not typically been a challenge in the ESU but as you know, salary costs and benefit costs continue to increase insurance costs increase and we also have some projects that we're working on that I think are completely for the betterment of the city, but those do take money and we've got a couple puzzle pieces I would say that we need to kind of ascertain before we get there, we've got multiple members of staff looking at this the mayor and I have met several times about it, along with the ESU staff. I do believe the ARP money will be a key component to this budget, as we talk, and we've talked in these meetings and other meetings about the obviously that water and sewer component that we've talked about, I think that will be very important as we craft this final budget. And I do appreciate your patience. I know everyone here is used to an April passage of this, and this year it just did not seem with all the moving targets as I said that that would be obtainable. And we are very close we're down to line items now not whole sections. So we just want to give you an update. I'm sure mayor has more to share.

**MAYOR CURTIS:**

Just real quick, as we're going through the LaBeau property renovations, there's some additional things that need to be done to make that operable fencing, signage, some items that are the original contract I mean, they're big numbers are not like overwhelming numbers but they're big numbers that we need to pay attention to, and kind of throw a curveball mentioned, the karma numbers pretty darn close but we should have a final number here shortly, and if you're not familiar with aldermen and alderwomen, that is a payment that we paid to KRMA which is the operation that oversees the sewer for the, for the treatment of for community so that there's some flowing parts there that we have a majority share that we're responsible for about 63%. So when you start doing that number, that's pretty substantial and check that we write to KRMA each month for sewer treatment so even small, minor, small percentage movements or can change numbers 1000s of dollars and you just wanna make sure we got that correct too so that we

can try and get this as close to balanced as possible when we have a gap that we're trying to overcome so Comptroller Kubal has been working hard on this, she was gonna make every effort to get it here for tonight he said there was probably in the next 7 to 10 days we'll have some more information, it'll make it a more solid document that we can bring forward. Any questions or comments from the committee? There's no need for an executive session. So our next is a short adjournment. We have a motion to adjourn.

**ALD LEWIS:**

So move.

**ALD SWANSON:**

Second.

**MAYOR CURTIS:**

Motioned by Alderwoman Lewis and seconded by Alderwoman Swanson. All in favor?

**ESU BOARD MEMBERS:**

Aye.

**MAYOR CURTIS:**

Okay we are adjourned.